On the Death by Assassination of Robert F. Kennedy

On June 6, 1968 I was asked by La Suisse, Newspapxer in Geneva for a statemtt on the attempted assassination of Sen. Robert Kennedy. I was asked because of my status as a staff member for the office of D.A. Garrison.

I gave the following statement which wast revised to nolonger containt the word x " attempted" after the Senator died.

Q: What is your reaction to the attempted assassination of Robert Kennedy?

A: The American people, expecially the American press, have turned their backs on the assassination of the President for five years. They were content to make him a martyr and to produce monuments of their sympathy but they refused to question the United States Government's official conclusion that the President was killed by one man. Sexx

Some very courageous people worked long and had to bring out the truth I speak of Mark Lane, the other critics of the Warren Report and District attorney Jim Garrison. They proved that the official conclusion of the government was xxxxxx untrue. Still the American people, despite their admitted realization of this falsehood, continued to dismiss the shocking probability that a conspiracy had occured where the conspirators went free.

Then, Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated. The Federal Government intervened in the investigation of that murder. Once again the assassin went free.

Althought the American people have not respondd to the reality that assassination has become a political instrument of our country they must know that to allow this is to allow democracy to desintegrate.

Last week, after one-and-a-half-years of awaiting trial for a man who has been charged by District Attorney Garrison with conspiracy in the murder of President John F. Kennedy, the Federal government's court in New Orleans became the place of interventtion as before. The trial which had been postponed so long by actions of the defense of the man charged, Clay Shaw, was cancelled indefinately. Justice has perished and law is no longer the cornerstone of the democratic system in the United States of America.

A suit was filed against the duly elected district attorney of New Orleans Jim Garrison, claiming that in his pursuit of the true assassins of President Kennedy he was conducting a " reign of terror, " and asking that the official findings of the Warren Report, that Lee Harvey Oswald alone killed the president, be upheld by the Federal Court.

One can understand, in view of this kind of subversion of justice, how every great leader who espouses the return of real freedom, could be assassinated. Senator Robert Kennedy brought the American people the chance to recapture the dreams of John Kennedy, peace, equality and democracy for all man. Robert Kennedy was on the threshold of regainxing these goals. But the assassins had gone free and could easily return to commit their terror once again.

People have blamed Jim Garrison for engaging in a "reing of terror" for accusing the Central Intelligence agency, more precisely members of that agency, of being responsible for the murder of John F. Kennedy. But the Federal government has never allowed him to prove his allegations in a court of law, in fact, they have done everything possible to obstruct and preclude his investigation. Garrison is no more guilty of such accusations than the doctor who diagnosis a patient's illness is guilty of causing the patient to be come sick.

Senator Kennedy's attempted assassination is the most tragic of all. it is the extreme demonstration of where our country's tolerance of corruption is today. Had the American people demanded the truth about the assassination of President Kennedy, or even later demanded that Garrison be allowed to present his case in court, this disgusting act of terror might have been avoided in the case of the shooting of Robert Kennedy.

I only hope that the American people will throw off thier cloak of apathy now, and ask for the truth.

Q: Do you think that the murderers of President Kennedy are the same as the people who have attempted to the assassination of his brother Robert Kennedy?

A: It is impossible to specualte as to the exact origin of the attempted assassination of Senator Kennedy because we have no possible way of evaluating, the evidence at such an early hour.

It is a certainty, in my opinion, that the attempted assassination of Senator Kennedy was for the same reasons as his brother's murder.